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## NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

Commissioner  
 US Department of Commerce  
 United States Patent and Trademark  
 Office, PCT  
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 CP2/5C24  
 Arlington, VA 22202  
 ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE  
 in its capacity as elected Office

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 28 May 2001 (28.05.01)	
International application No. PCT/US00/23309	Applicant's or agent's file reference HFC-149PCT
International filing date (day/month/year) 24 August 2000 (24.08.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 01 September 1999 (01.09.99)
Applicant NORTH, John, M. et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:  
 29 March 2001 (29.03.01)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was  
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer J. Leitao Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

NOTIFICATION CONCERNING  
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL  
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

To:

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Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, P.C.  
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ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 30 October 2001 (30.10.01)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference HFC-149PCT	<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>
International application No. PCT/US00/23309	International filing date (day/month/year) 24 August 2000 (24.08.00)
International publication date (day/month/year) 08 March 2001 (08.03.01)	Priority date (day/month/year) 01 September 1999 (01.09.99)
Applicant HARODITE INDUSTRIES, INC. et al	

1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
2. This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
3. An asterisk(\*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
4. The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
01 Sept 1999 (01.09.99)	09/387,813	US	21 Nove 2000 (21.11.00)
16 Augu 2000 (16.08.00)	09/640,236	US	21 Sept 2001 (21.09.01)

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## NOTIFICATION RELATING TO PRIORITY CLAIM

(PCT Rules 26bis.1 and 26bis.2 and  
Administrative Instructions, Sections 402 and 409)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 02 March 2001 (02.03.01)	<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>
Applicant's or agent's file reference HFC-149PCT	
International application No. PCT/US00/23309	International filing date (day/month/year) 24 August 2000 (24.08.00)
Applicant HARODITE INDUSTRIES, INC. et al	

The applicant is hereby **notified** of the following in respect of the priority claim(s) made in the international application.

1. ☒ **Correction of priority claim.** In accordance with the applicant's notice received on: 17 October 2000 (17.10.00), the following priority claim has been corrected to read as follows:  

US 16 August 2000 (16.08.00) 09/640,236

☐ even though the indication of the number of the earlier application is missing.

☐ even though the following indication in the priority claim is not the same as the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document:
2. ☐ **Addition of priority claim.** In accordance with the applicant's notice received on: , the following priority claim has been added:  

☐ even though the indication of the number of the earlier application is missing.

☐ even though the following indication in the priority claim is not the same as the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document:
3. ☐ As a **result of the correction and/or addition** of (a) priority claim(s) under items 1 and/or 2, the (earliest) priority date is:
4. ☐ **Priority claim considered not to have been made.**

☐ The applicant failed to respond to the Invitation under Rule 26bis.2(a) (Form PCT/IB/316) within the prescribed time limit.

☐ The applicant's notice was received after the expiration of the prescribed time limit under Rule 26bis.1(a).

☐ The applicant's notice failed to correct the priority claim so as to comply with the requirements of Rule 4.10.

The applicant may, before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed and subject to the payment of a fee, request the International Bureau to publish, together with the international application, information concerning the priority claim. See Rule 26bis.2(c) and the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I, Annex B2(1B).
5. ☐ In case where **multiple priorities** have been claimed, the above item(s) relate to the following priority claim(s):
6. A copy of this notification has been sent to the receiving Office and
  - ☒ to the International Searching Authority (where the international search report has not yet been issued).
  - ☒ the designated Offices (which have already been notified of the receipt of the record copy).

<p>The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland</p> <p>Facsimile No. (41-22) 740.14.35</p>	<p>Authorized officer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ingrid Aulich</p> <p>Telephone No. (41-22) 338.83.38</p>
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference HFC-149PCT(2)	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US00/23309	International filing date (day/month/year) 24 AUGUST 2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 01 SEPTEMBER 1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): B32B 27/04, 27/12 and US Cl.: 442/50,54,58		
Applicant HARODITE INDUSTRIES, INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

## 3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  29 MARCH 2001	Date of completion of this report  02 NOVEMBER 2001
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20331 Facsimile No. (703) 305-3230	Authorized officer  ULA C. RUDDOCK DEBORAH THOMAS PARALEGAL SPECIALIST Telephone No. (703) 308-0661

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US00/23309

**I. Basis of the report**

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application: \*

☒ the international application as originally filed☒ the description:pages 1-14 , as originally filedpages NONE , filed with the demandpages NONE , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_☒ the claims:pages 15-20 , as originally filedpages NONE , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE , filed with the demandpages NONE , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_☒ the drawings:pages 1-2 , as originally filedpages NONE , filed with the demandpages NONE , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_☒ the sequence listing part of the description:pages NONE , as originally filedpages NONE , filed with the demandpages NONE , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:☐ contained in the international application in printed form.☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☒ the description, pages NONE☒ the claims, Nos. NONE☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\*Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US00/23309

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. statement**

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-23 YESClaims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 1-23 YESClaims NONE NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-23 YESClaims NONE NO**2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Claims 1-23 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a laminate comprising a nonwoven scrim, a non-porous thermoplastic barrier film, and a layer of chopped fiberglass and thermoplastic adhesive disposed on the front face of the barrier film.

Claims 1-23 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because the invention would have found utility in the sound absorbing composite industry.

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NEW CITATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

US 5,529,826 A (TAILOR ET AL) 25 JUNE 1996, see entire document.